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AMB COLBY PRESENTED ONE HOUR BRIEFING ON 14 DECEMBER TO

CINCPAC AND SELECTED SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE JOINT STAFF (INCLUDING

THE BRIEFING WAS WELL-RECEIVED.

THERE WERE VERY FEW QUESTIONS, NOT BECAUSE OF DISINTEREST, BUT
BECAUSE THOSE PRESENT WERE QUITE FAMILIAR WITH PROGRAM CONCEPTS
AND BECAUSE THE RECOMMENDATIONS SEEMED TO BE LOGICAL FOLLOW-ON
STEPS. THERE WAS NO OBJECTION TO THE EMPHASIS ON THE ROLE OF
THE NATIONAL POLICE NOR TO THE NECESSITY OF TRAINING AND
APPROPRIATE RANK ASSIGNMENT OF U.S. MILITARY ADVISORS. AMB
COLBY GAVE HIS TYPICAL CONCISE, CLEAR, BUT LOW-KEY PRESENTATION.
HE IS AWARE THAT THIS LOW-KEY PRESENTATION ACCOMPANIED BY
SLIDES THAT ARE GRAPHIC BUT NOT GRIPPING MAKES ALL HIS POINTS
TO AN AUDIENCE SUCH AS CINCPAC SENIOR STAFF WHICH IS KNOWLEDGE-
ABLE OF THE DETAIL OF THE IN-COUNTRY SITUATION BUT IT MAY LACK
SOMETHING IN "SEXINESS" OR STIRRING APPEAL TO A WASHINGTON
AUDIENCE WHICH IS NOT SO CLOSE TO THE SCENE. GPI

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*Reported Amb. Colby scheduled to be CINCPAC on 14 December to present
his paper on Phoenix.

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